



# City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

I hope the first month of 2019 has been a good one for you and your family.

I want to thank the good citizens of Ward 5 and Tucson for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Ward 5 Council Member, continuing the work on the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side.

It has been a pleasure serving with my colleagues on the Council, working on the issues at hand to make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

This past year I have also enjoyed working with and watching the neighborhoods and businesses in Ward 5 and the City of Tucson continue to grow and thrive. The work continues to bring Tucson through the dark economic tunnel that we've been in since the Great Recession.

When I was sworn into office in 2009, I got the message voters sent in terms of what was needed: reforming city government, economic development and creating jobs.

During my time as your Ward 5 Councilmember, more than 9,000 jobs have been created in Ward 5.

In 2018, Ward 5 saw the expansion of Raytheon's facilities (1,975 jobs), the opening of the Chamberlain Group Manufacturing Plant (385 jobs), the construction of the El Rio Health Center on Cherrybell (120 jobs), Discount Tire (50 jobs), NextCare Urgent Care (24 jobs) to name few of the businesses to open in Ward 5. Also, we have the construction of the new GEICO regional office at the Bridges (2,800 total jobs) that will be completed by the end of May. More businesses are opening, resulting in more options and opportunities for the good citizens of Ward 5 and the City of Tucson.

Over the past few years, Ward 5 has seen the most in commercial and residential annexations in the City of Tucson. The Tucson International Airport became the latest part of Ward 5 and the City of Tucson this year with its annexation. New airlines starting flying out of Tucson Airport in 2018, the nation's oldest municipal airport.

Proposition 101, the Roads, Police and Fire program continues, repairing our roads and getting police and fire the equipment and facilities needed. Ward 5 and the good citizens of Tucson approved Proposition 407, the Parks Bond Measure and in 2020, improvements to park facilities in Ward 5 and across our city will begin.

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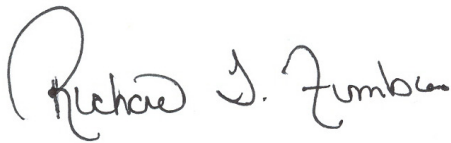
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Many accomplishments have happened in Ward 5 this past year. I want to thank my staff, Mark Kerr, my Chief of Staff, Lupita Robles, Mary Kuchar and Joshua Ashton for their work and commitment. I have a great team at Ward 5 and am glad they are there to help me. I also want to thank the Mayor and Council and the City Manager and staff for their work to help make Tucson a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Thank you all again and hope you and your family have a great 2019.



Richard Fimbres  
Vice Mayor - City of Tucson (Ward 5)

### Being a Good Neighbor

Another school semester has started. The school zone 15 miles per hour signs are out in the morning and afternoon, with crossing guards helping students cross our streets to get to our schools. The University of Arizona and Pima College are starting their spring semesters and college students are moving into the dorms and houses in our neighborhoods. My office has gathered information, to inform everyone who may not know about: Some of the rules about parking; dates of times for trash pick up; dates for upcoming Brush and Bulky pickup; noise levels and what to do about loud parties.

**Parking:** Parking your vehicle is a permitted use on any portion of a property provided the vehicles do not block City right-of-way (sidewalks, alleys). Also, when you park your car, please don't block access to your neighbor's mail box. If you are intending to have an event, be courteous and let your neighbors know about the event and when parking will be available on the street. Please ensure all vehicles have current registration and are operable.

**About your trash:** To reduce flies and odor, please bag and securely tie all your trash and do not over fill containers. Never place hot ash or coals, or other burning materials in containers. Yard waste may be disposed of, as long as it fits within the container with the lid closed. Don't leave your containers out past your pick up date. Please return it to the space you have it in your yard. For any damaged trash containers, contact Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171.



Please have your trash and recycle containers out to the street and on those days, please try not to block mail boxes and drive ways. To find out your trash pick up date, either call Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171 or go online to [maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/](https://maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/).

**Brush and Bulky:** Environmental Services offers Brush and Bulky twice a year. Environmental Services will pick up 10 cubic yards of materials with the following guidelines: They will take brush, cacti (must be contained), lumber up to five feet, scrap metal, piping up to five feet, appliances, refrigerator and freezers with doors removed, automobile tires (limit five), and home furnishings.

Environmental Services will not collect: Dirt, stone, concrete, gravel, glass, household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, oil, pesticides and liquids).

To find out your Brush and Bulky pick up date, either call Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171 or go online to [maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/](http://maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/).



Environmental Services is expanding the Brush and Bulky Program, see the article in this newsletter.



**Cleaning up after your dog.** It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you are liable to step in one such reminder! Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog out in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

Tucson Code Chapter 4-102 says that it shall be unlawful for the owner or person having custody of any dog to fail immediately to move and dispose of in a sanitary manner any solid waste deposited by such dog on public property or deposited on private property without the consent of the person in control of the property. This section shall not apply to blind persons, persons with mobility disabilities, or police officers or other law enforcement officers accompanied by police dogs while on emergency.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

**Loud Parties and Red Tags:** With the start of a semester come loud parties. Although I understand student excitement about the school year, there are codes that are in place and must be followed.

A loud party or unruly gathering can result in a red tag, which has several consequences. If red tagged, a visible "red tag" will be placed in street view, notifying the neighborhood of the issuance.

The red tag comes with a fine and if a college student is involved, a report to the Dean of Students.

The "red tag" states that if another unruly gathering occurs within 180 days that fines will be given in amounts of \$500-\$1500.

As a part of our Police Chief's community policing approach more officers have been put into patrol functions.

This means more visible TPD presence. TPD is also partnering with UAPD so that responses to loud parties are consistent between both departments.

The collaboration will mean greater information sharing and consistency in handling these types of calls. It is important to call in loud parties, don't assume others are doing so. If it isn't reported, we can't adequately address the situation.



The Tucson Police Department will respond to any gathering of a loud and unruly nature. A loud and unruly gathering is any gathering of five or more persons who disturb the peace of their neighbors through excessive noise, littering, obstruction of public streets, drinking in public, minors consuming or being served alcohol, fighting, excessive traffic, or similar conduct. The existing noise ordinance, Section 16-31, remains in effect and the "Unruly Gatherings," Section 16-32, provides additional violations for loud or unruly conduct.

For Section 16-32 to apply, the following criteria must exist:

- \* complainant (the ordinance may be enforced even if the complainant is a refused complainant)
- \* there must be a gathering of five (5) or more persons,
- \* it must be on private property (this also applies to businesses such as bars)
- \* the gathering must cause a disturbance as a result of conduct described above

The following numbers are meant to be tools for our University neighbors if there should be an issue with loud parties (520 area code): TPD Red Tag: 837-7318, UAPD Non-Emergency: 621-8273, UA Neighborhood Hotline: 282-3649, UA Dean of Students: 621-7057, Pima College Police – West Campus: 206-6643, Pima College Police - Downtown Campus: 206-7087, Pima College Police - East Campus: 206-7652, Pima College Police - Desert Vista Campus: 206-5052, Pima College Police - Northwest Campus: 206-2286.

**Brush & Bulky Expanded**

Tucson's Environmental & General Services Department is working with the Tucson police, fire, transportation, and water departments along with Tucson Clean & Beautiful to add services to their Brush & Bulky collection service to make neighborhoods and the city cleaner and safer.

New offerings for Brush & Bulky Plus collections include: maintenance of public right-of-way, removal of vegetation and trash from alleys and easements, removal of illegally dumped materials, graffiti removal, street sweeping and pothole repair at the same time crews are collecting materials left for pickup at curbs and in alleys.

The expanded services promise to make neighborhoods and the city more attractive by cleaning up graffiti, trash and debris, and safer by removing potential fire hazards and making neighborhoods less vulnerable to criminal activity.

Brush & Bulky will continue collecting materials left at the curb and in alleys plus provide additional services when collections occur.

Brush and Bulky Plus will:

Contact neighborhood associations within the pick-up area approximately one month ahead of the Brush & Bulky PLUS Collection to identify neighborhood clean-up priorities.

Review the collection area to identify any rights-of-way or easements that require clean up.

Work with Tucson Police and Fire to identify areas that will minimize safety risks if clean-up is provided.

Identify properties that are in violation of the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance. Contact the property owners/residents by mail to remind them of the property maintenance requirements and that the upcoming Brush & Bulky Plus collection can provide an opportunity to dispose of yard waste or debris.

The week of an area's B&B Plus collection, as many clean-up services as possible will be provided based on neighborhood priorities and input.

Not everything may be addressed the first time B&B Plus cleans up a neighborhood, but progress will be made each time collection occurs - making our City and neighborhoods cleaner, more attractive and safer.

For more information, call (520) 791-3171 or go online to: [tucsonaz.gov/brush-and-bulky](http://tucsonaz.gov/brush-and-bulky).



**Primary Jobs Incentive Approved for Raytheon**

At their January 23 meeting, the Tucson Mayor and Council unanimously approved the request and application of a Primary Jobs Incentive for Raytheon, located in Ward 5.

The Raytheon logo is displayed in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

I want to thank my colleagues on the Council for their approval of this Primary Jobs Incentive for Raytheon which is located in the Ward that I represent.

This incentive will help to secure Raytheon's continued presence and expansion in our community and will grow their workforce by more than 1,900 jobs with an average annual salary of \$110,000.

Raytheon is currently engaged in a major multi-year expansion of their facility. The Raytheon North Expansion Project includes construction of approximately 480,000 square feet of facilities requiring a projected investment of more than \$232 million dollars. The facilities under construction or to be built include:

Visitor Center: 3,376 square feet,  
Multipurpose Office Building: 260,668 square feet,  
Advanced Test Facility: 120,178 square feet,  
Central Utility Plant: 4,940 square feet,  
Data Center: 15,996 square feet and,  
Environmental Test Facility: 77,881 square feet

In addition to the more than 1,900 new jobs created, the on-going construction activity is projected to create more than 1,700 construction related jobs with an overall economic impact of more than \$327 million, including direct output, supplier output, and consumer output.

Over four years, this expansion will result in total gross direct revenue to the City of \$4.7 million.

This is another chapter in the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the south side, which has seen the most growth in the City of Tucson. I want to thank City staff, Raytheon, and Sun Corridor for their work on this important part of Tucson's economy.

**El Rio Health's Cherrybell Health Center  
Now Open**

El Rio Health's new Cherrybell Health Center, located at 1230 S. Cherrybell Stravenue, is now open and accepting new patients.

The Cherrybell Health Center is El Rio's newest location bringing their total to 10 locations throughout the Tucson area.

The El Rio Health logo features the words "EL RIO" in a large, purple, serif font, with a stylized wavy line underneath. Below the wavy line, the word "HEALTH" is written in a smaller, purple, serif font.



El Rio Health is dedicated to providing health care for all people. Since El Rio began in 1970, they have grown from 10,000 patients to over 104,000 people served. El Rio Health is proud to be one of the most innovative, highly regarded, non-profit health centers in the United States and excited to be a part of Ward 5.



The Cherrybell Health center is open Monday thru Friday from 7 am to 8 pm and Saturday 8 am to 4 pm.

The following patient services are available: Primary Care for children and adults, Lab, Radiology (including mammography, ultrasound and X-ray), Behavioral Health, Pharmacy, Dental, and Health & Wellness Classes. To learn more about El Rio Health visit [elrio.org](http://elrio.org) or call (520) 670-3909. The official grand opening is scheduled for Thursday, March 7.



### **Students Honored for Ward 5 Safety Calendar Artwork**

At the January 23 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting, I and my staff honored the winning student artists whose submittals were selected for the 2019 City of Tucson Ward 5 Safety Calendar competition.

The competition was open to students across Tucson who were asked to submit artwork to accompany and illustrate simple but important safety messages.

Many injuries can be prevented or greatly reduced, with the simple actions, such as: buckling up, keeping infant and young children secured in the proper restraints, wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle or motorcycle, and being careful crossing streets by looking twice at intersections and crosswalks. This annual calendar provides children with safety messages to remind them, their families, and others of how to take simple steps to be safe.

It also serves as a reminder to adults that we must do all we can to keep our children safe. We encourage everyone to take seriously the messages contained in the calendar and to place this calendar in a highly visible location so that the valuable safety messages can serve as a daily remind to our children and grandchildren.

I want to congratulate and thank the students for their work helping to create the 2019 City of Tucson Ward 5 Safety Calendar, which gets the message about safety to students and parents across Tucson. I also want to thank the teachers from all the schools who participated in this year's safety calendar competition.

The 2019 winners are:

Andres Carrillo – 8th Grade - Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School - January

Ivanna Zuniga – 8th Grade – Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School - February

Sheyla Noriega – 7th Grade - Apollo Middle School - March

Alexis Meza – 7th Grade – Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet April

Camryn Bolen – 8th Grade – Roberts-Naylor K-8 School -May

Gerardo Cruz – 2nd Grade – Carrillo Magnet School - June

Omar Urquidez - 7th Grade – Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School - July

Michelle Caballero – 7th Grade – Apollo Middle School - August

Yamilet Martinez – 4th Grade – Gallegos Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School - September

Noelia Talamante – 8th Grade – Apollo Middle School - October

Mia Murillo – 8th Grade – Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School - November

Amelia Garcia – 4th Grade – Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts School - December

Marayah Verdugo – 4th Grade – Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts School – Front Cover

Remi Mwamba – 5th Grade – Carrillo Magnet School – Back Cover





Thanks to the sponsors, who helped to defray the cost of printing and design of the 2019 City of Tucson Ward 5 Safety Calendar including:

Tucson Electric Power, Tucson Police – Chief Chris Magnus, Tucson Fire – Chief Joe Gulotta, City of Tucson – City Manager Michael Ortega and Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Pima County Sheriff Mark Napier, and Rick Velasco with Walmart.

I also want to thank to Arizona Bilingual for the design layout and printing of the calendars and Ward 5 staff Lupita Robles, Mark Kerr, and Mary Kuchar for their work on the calendar.

### **New Safety Crosswalk Unveiled at Sunnyside High School**

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), joined me in unveiling a new pedestrian crossing on Bilby Road, just west of Campbell Avenue at Sunnyside High School on Tuesday, January 15 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new safety device is a pedestrian activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) intended to increase the visibility of uncontrolled marked crosswalks.

The new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon crosswalk was the result of the work of the Sunnyside High School Student Council, working with my office.



The Student Council leadership, led by its President, Patrick Robles, Ricardo Echanove, Angel Medina Garcia and Eduardo Barron expressed concerns about the safety of the Sunnyside students going across Bilby to the Main Campus.

I and my staff, Mark Kerr, Lupita Robles and Mary Kuchar, helped coordinate meetings between the

high school students, Sunnyside High School officials and TDOT. The goal was to find a solution to increase pedestrian safety. The Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon crosswalk, and its location was the result of these discussions.

This came about when everyone comes together to work to deal with an issue. A solution was found by working together and my office worked with TDOT to get the crosswalk and infrastructure installed before the Spring Semester began, which was two months. This crosswalk will be a pilot program and will be monitored for its effectiveness.

This RRFB crosswalk cost \$28,000, six times less than a standard HAWK, that costs \$175,000 and transportation officials say it can reduce accidents by 60%.



I want to thank the leadership of the Sunnyside High School Student Council for their work, as well as Sunnyside School District Board Members Eva Dong, Beki Quintero Bobby Jaramillo and Superintendent Steve Holmes for their help with this. With the Board's support and Superintendent's help, I and my office have also collaborated on this and several community projects that improved the quality of life for all, including: Speed Tables for Sierra Middle School, improvements to the Walking Path and other amenities at Gunny Barreras Park, the refurbished Sun Tran Bus Stop for

Sunnyside High School, refurbished street lights at Sunnyside and, free spay and neuter clinics at Los Ranchitos and Mission Manor Schools.

I want to thank TDOT Deputy Directors Robin Raine and Sam Credio, as well as Diahn Swartz and engineer Blake Olofson who got the crosswalk and infrastructure installed in two months.

This is what we can do, when we come together to solve a problem.

### **Pueblo Gardens 29<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Breakfast Held**

It was my pleasure to have attended and spoke at the 29th Annual Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association Martin Luther King Breakfast, Saturday, January 19, at the Holmes Tuttle Boys and Girls Club.



The Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association is the only neighborhood association in the City of Tucson that holds an annual event honoring the work and legacy of Dr. King.

Proceeds from the breakfast went to the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association MLK Scholarship Fund, that provides continued funding for educational and recreational scholarships that serve neighborhood school youth.

I provided an update on what has been happening in Ward 5, with GEICO, El Rio Health Center, Chamberlain being constructed in Ward 5.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association's  
29th Annual  
2019 Martin Luther King  
Breakfast



Congressman Raul Grijalva, Supervisor Ramon Valadez and Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild spoke to the more than 200 present for the breakfast.

Congratulations to James Christopher and the Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast Committee on another successful breakfast.

### **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Day March Held**

On Monday, January 21, I had the privilege of attending the 34th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day March in Tucson, which began on MLK Jr. Way in the Bridges at Ward 5 and went to Reid Park for the MLK Jr. Day Celebration. I want to thank everyone who came out to March for the work and legacy of Dr. King. It was great to see so many young people marching. Congressman Raul Grijalva, Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick, Pima County Supervisor were also present and spoke to the marchers. As Vice Mayor, I had the privilege of speaking and reading the City of Tucson Proclamation for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



### **Veterans Upward Bound Program**

Pima Community College is using a new Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) grant to provide free services to help separating military personnel and veterans to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. It is designed to help participants build critical skills, with opportunities for personal development, training and educational advancement. VUB is open to qualifying veterans and family members, regardless of whether they are enrolled at PCC. For more information, call (520) 206-7637.

### **Ward 5 Neighborhood Association Meetings for February**

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, February 4 at 6:00 pm at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th Street.

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, February 7 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC) – Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 pm, Student Union Memorial Center, Ventana Room, 4th Floor, 1303 E. University Blvd.

Cherry Ave. Neighborhood Association – Saturday, February 16 at 10:00 am at the Cherry Avenue Recreation Center, 5085 S. Cherry Avenue.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm at the Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th Street.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) - Thursday, February 21 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, February 25 at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, February 25 at 6:30 pm at Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Road.

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DIAL 911

**Permits**

Planning and Development Services Department  
791-5550

**Housing Assistance**

City of Tucson Community Services Department  
791-4739

**Tucson Convention Center**

791-4101

**City of Tucson Code Enforcement**

791-5843

**TPD Red Tag Unit**

837-7318

**Graffiti Removal**

792-CITY (2489)

**TPD Non Emergency**

791-4444

**Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services**

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department  
791-3171

**Transportation & Street Maintenance**

Tucson Department of Transportation  
791-3154

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791-5071

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724-5900

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